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IMPORT PRICE INDEX – March 2016 QUARTER (Base Period: March 2009 quarter = 100.0)

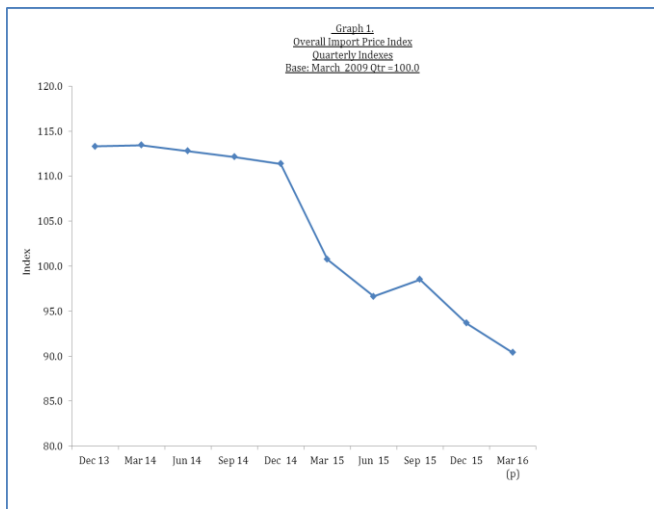
Highlights of the quarter

- Import price index fell 3.5 percent from the December 2015 quarter.
- Mineral Products prices recorded the largest decrease (down 19.8 percent).

Overview

The import price index for the March 2016 quarter showed an overall decrease of 3.5 percent from the December 2015 quarter. In comparison with the March 2015 quarter, the current import price index fell 10.3 percent.

The four quarters ending March 2016 decreased 13.2 percent in the overall import price index compared to the four quarters ending March 2015. See table 1 and graph 1.



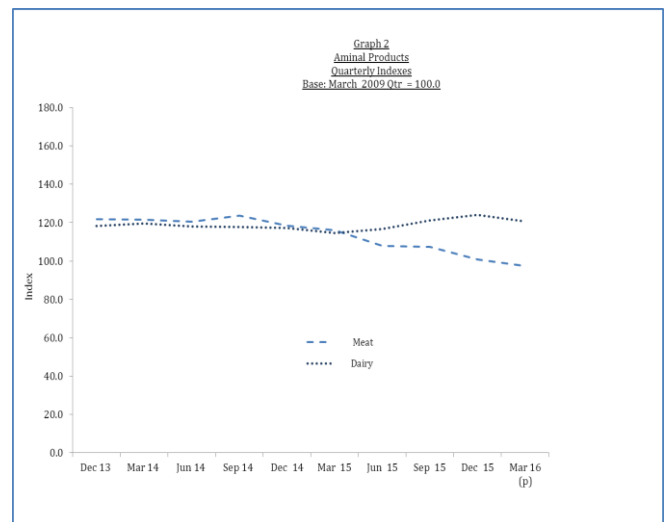
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HS Section 1: Live Animals; Animal Products prices fall 3.1%.

Live Animals and Animal Products import prices in the March 2016 quarter decreased 3.1 percent

from the December 2015 quarter. This fall was influenced by lower prices of meat products (down 3.4 percent), reflecting lower prices of sheep meats (down 4.1 percent) and chicken meats (down 2.5 percent). Dairy products prices were also decreased (down 2.7 percent). In comparison with the March 2015 quarter, the current live animals and animal products index fell 9.9 percent.

The four quarters ending March 2016 showed a decrease of 8.8 percent in the overall index for live animals and animal products over the four quarter ending March 2015. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 2.



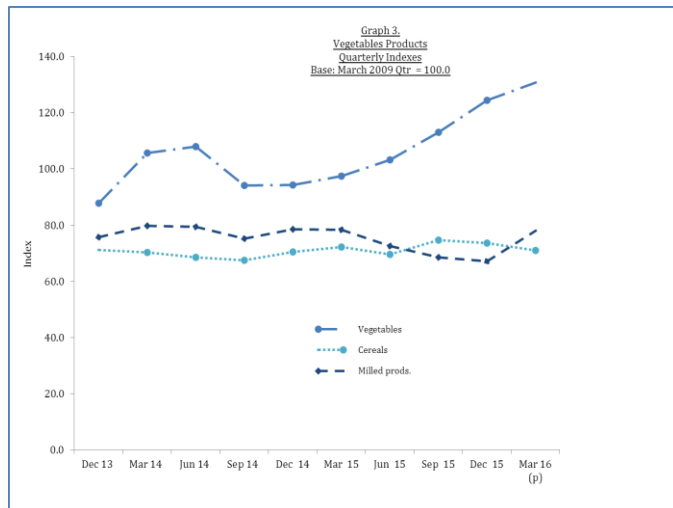
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HS Section 2: Vegetable Products prices rise 7.3 %.

Vegetable Products prices rose 7.3 percent in the March 2016 quarter, following a 1.2 percent rise recorded in the December 2015 quarter. The rise was influenced by higher prices of milled products (up 15.9 percent) and vegetable products (up 5.2 percent) and partly offset by

lower prices of cereal products (down 3.6 percent). When compared to the March 2015 quarter, the current vegetable products index increased 6.4 percent.

Reviewing the four quarters ending March 2016 over the four quarters ending March 2015, the current overall vegetable products index increased 1.1 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 3.

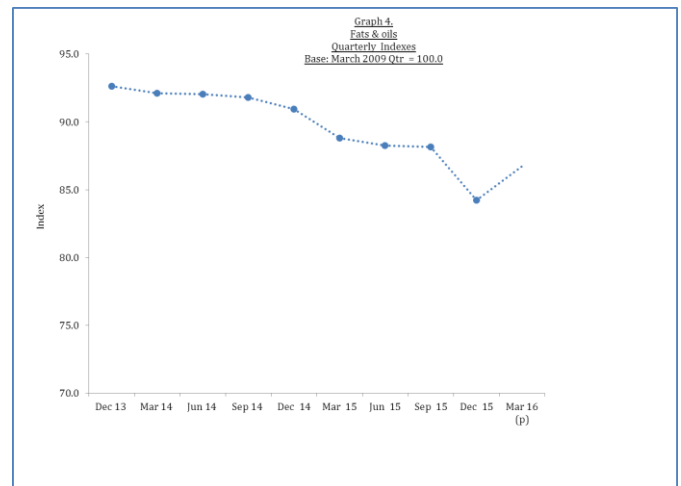


Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

HS Section 3: Animal or Vegetable fats & oils prices rise 3%.

Import prices for animal or vegetable fats and oils rose 3 percent in the March 2016 quarter, following a 4.4 percent fall in the December 2015 quarter. The current increase was influenced by higher prices of hydrogenated oils (up 13.5 percent). When compared to the March 2015 quarter, the current animal or vegetable fats and oils index decreased 2.3 percent.

The four quarters ending March 2016 showed a decrease of 4.4 percent in the overall index for animal or vegetable fats and oils over the four quarters ending March 2015. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 4.

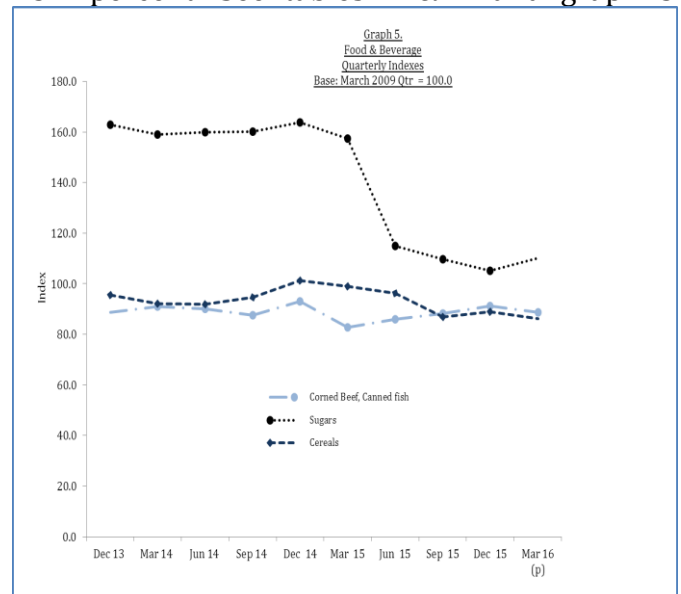


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HS Section 4: Food and Beverages prices fell 0.8 %.

Food and Beverages import prices fell 0.8 percent in the March 2016 quarter from the December 2015 quarter. Mainly responsible for this fall were lower prices of canned fish (down 7.7 percent) and cereal products; pasta (down 4.1 percent) and bread (down 1.1 percent). In comparison with the March 2015 quarter, the current food and beverages index decreased 12.1 percent.

In comparing the four quarters ending March 2016 over the four quarters ending March 2015, the overall food and beverages index decreased 13.2 percent. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 5.

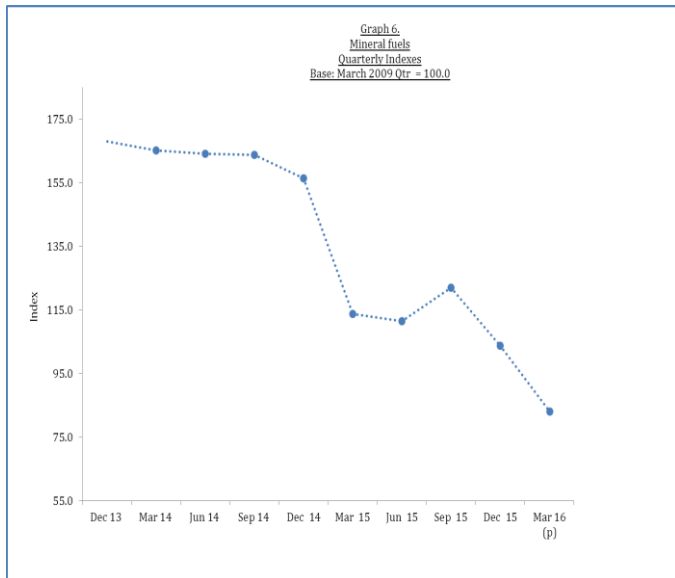


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HS Section 5: Mineral Products price fall 19.8%.

Import prices for mineral products in the March 2016 quarter fell 19.8 percent from the December 2015 quarter. The fall was influenced by lower prices of mineral fuels. In comparison with the March 2015 quarter, the current mineral products index decreased 26.9 percent.

The overall mineral products index in the four quarters ending March 2016 was 29.6 percent lower than the four quarters ending March 2015. See tables 1 & 2 and graph 6.




Source: Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Technical Notes

The Import Price Index (MPI) measures changes in the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) prices of imports of merchandise into Samoa. It is a fixed weight index with March 2009 quarter = 100.0 and is calculated on a quarterly basis using the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS). The items included in the index were selected on the basis of their importance to the total import.

The scope of the MPI relates to the following sections of the International Harmonized System of Trade Classification (HS): 1. Live Animals: Animal Products, 2. Vegetable Products, 3. Animal or Vegetable fats and oils, 4. Food and Beverages and 5. Mineral Products, The index represents 50 percent of total Imports.

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The June 2016 quarter MPI report is expected to be available on July 29th 2016.



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IMPORT PRICE INDEX

Base: March 2009 Quarter = 100.0

Table 1

CODE	DESCRIPTION	Weight	Dec 13	2014				2015				2016	% Change	
				Mar 14	Jun 14	Sep 14	Dec 14	Mar 15	Jun 15	Sep 15	Dec 15	Mar 16 (p)	Mar 16 / Dec - 15	Mar 16 / Mar 15
I	ANIMAL PRODUCTS	100	120.9	121.0	119.8	121.9	118.1	115.6	110.4	111.4	107.5	104.2	-3.1	-9.9
2	Meat	71.2	121.9	121.5	120.5	123.5	118.5	116.0	107.8	107.5	100.9	97.5	-3.4	-15.9
4	Dairy	28.8	118.4	119.7	118.1	117.8	117.3	114.7	116.7	121.2	124.0	120.6	-2.7	5.2
II.	VEGETABLE PRODUCTS	100	76.4	81.2	80.8	76.0	78.7	79.6	76.9	78.1	79.0	84.7	7.3	6.4
7	Vegetables	17.0	88.0	105.7	107.9	94.2	94.3	97.4	103.3	113.0	124.4	130.8	5.2	34.3
10	Cereals	31.7	71.2	70.4	68.6	67.6	70.6	72.3	69.7	74.8	73.6	71.0	-3.6	-1.9
11	Milled prods.	51.3	75.7	79.8	79.3	75.2	78.6	78.3	72.5	68.6	67.3	78.0	15.9	-0.4
III.	FATS & OILS	100	92.7	92.1	92.0	91.8	90.9	88.8	88.3	88.1	84.3	86.7	3.0	-2.3
15	Fats & oils	100.0	92.7	92.1	92.0	91.8	90.9	88.8	88.3	88.1	84.3	86.7	3.0	-2.3
IV.	FOOD & BEVERAGE	100	108.7	107.7	107.3	107.2	112.8	106.0	96.3	92.9	93.8	93.1	-0.8	-12.1
16	Corned Beef, Canned fish	43.6	88.7	91.1	90.0	87.5	93.2	82.9	86.0	88.3	91.3	88.9	-2.7	7.2
17	Sugars	24.0	162.8	159.1	159.8	160.2	163.9	157.4	115.0	109.7	105.1	110.0	4.7	-30.1
19	Cereals	32.4	95.5	92.0	91.7	94.6	101.3	98.9	96.1	86.8	88.9	86.3	-2.8	-12.7
V.	MINERAL PRODUCTS	100	168.0	165.1	163.9	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	103.7	83.2	-19.8	-26.9
27	Mineral fuels	100	168.0	165.1	163.9	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	103.7	83.2	-19.8	-26.9
Total, All groups		500	113.3	113.4	112.8	112.1	111.4	100.8	96.6	98.5	93.7	90.4	-3.5	-10.3

Source: Samoa Bureau Statistics (Economics Division)

(P) Provisional figures

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Table 2

	Weight	Dec 2013	2014				2015				2016	%Change
			Mar 2014	Jun 2014	Sep 2014	Dec 2014	Mar 2015	Jun 2015	Sep 2015	Dec 2015	Mar 2016 (p)	Mar 16/Dec 15
I. ANIMAL PRODUCTS												
02 Meat	100.0	121.9	121.5	120.5	123.5	118.5	116.0	107.8	107.5	100.9	97.5	-3.4
0204 Sheep	33.7	183.3	186.0	192.8	190.6	183.6	176.6	167.3	165.8	162.4	155.7	-4.1
0207 Poultry	66.3	90.7	88.7	83.8	89.5	85.4	85.1	77.6	77.8	69.6	67.9	-2.5
04 Dairy	100.0	118.4	119.7	118.1	117.8	117.3	114.7	116.7	121.2	124.0	120.6	-2.7
0401 Milk	42.0	120.6	116.4	115.0	117.8	116.3	113.8	116.9	109.7	109.8	107.2	-2.3
0402 Milk, conc.	17.9	127.1	137.8	138.5	143.1	137.2	135.4	137.1	129.4	132.9	129.0	-2.9
0405 Butter	24.1	91.7	97.0	93.8	84.1	85.3	83.5	86.1	79.7	85.5	83.0	-2.9
0407 Eggs	16.0	142.9	142.2	140.0	140.3	145.6	140.9	139.7	204.6	209.3	203.1	-2.9
II. VEGETABLE PRODUCTS												
07 Vegetables	100.0	88.0	105.7	107.9	94.2	94.3	97.4	103.3	113.0	124.4	130.8	5.2
0701 Potatoes	56.5	102.7	110.9	111.4	104.7	99.7	101.6	130.4	121.4	127.2	149.7	17.8
0703 Onions	43.5	68.8	99.1	103.4	80.4	87.3	91.9	68.2	102.1	120.8	106.3	-12.0
10 Cereals	100.0	71.2	70.4	68.6	67.6	70.6	72.3	69.7	74.8	73.6	71.0	-3.6
1006 Rice	100.0	71.2	70.4	68.6	67.6	70.6	72.3	69.7	74.8	73.6	71.0	-3.6
11 Milled prods.	100.0	75.7	79.8	79.3	75.2	78.6	78.3	72.5	68.6	67.3	78.0	15.9
1101 Wheat	100.0	75.7	79.8	79.3	75.2	78.6	78.3	72.5	68.6	67.3	78.0	15.9
III. FATS & OILS												
15 Fats & oils	100.0	92.7	92.1	92.0	91.8	90.9	88.8	88.3	88.1	84.3	86.7	3.0
1507 Soya-bean	27.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0
1516 Hydrogenated	36.7	80.4	82.3	80.1	79.3	81.4	78.1	73.8	74.8	69.6	79.0	13.5
1517 Margarine	35.7	99.6	96.1	98.1	98.3	93.7	91.2	94.0	92.7	87.0	84.4	-3.0
IV. FOOD, BEVERAGES& TOBACCO												
16 Meat, fish	100.0	88.7	91.1	90.0	87.5	93.2	82.9	86.0	88.3	91.3	88.9	-2.7
1602 Corned Beef	31.0	104.1	105.3	105.3	100.2	102.1	102.8	104.4	103.3	101.4	108.3	6.8
1604 Canned fish	69.0	81.9	84.7	83.2	81.8	89.2	73.9	77.7	81.5	86.8	80.1	-7.7
17 Sugars	100.0	162.8	159.1	159.8	160.2	163.9	157.4	115.0	109.7	105.1	110.0	4.7
1701 Cane, beet	100.0	162.8	159.1	159.8	160.2	163.9	157.4	115.0	109.7	105.1	110.0	4.7
19 Cereals	100.0	95.5	92.0	91.7	94.6	101.3	98.9	96.1	86.8	88.9	86.3	-2.8
1902 Pasta	56.0	100.1	95.6	95.5	100.7	108.9	105.5	104.7	86.4	90.5	86.8	-4.1
1905 Bread	44.0	89.7	87.4	86.9	86.7	91.5	90.5	85.3	87.3	86.7	85.8	-1.1
V. MINERAL PRODUCTS												
27 Mineral fuels	100.0	168.0	165.1	163.9	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	103.7	83.2	-19.8
2710 Petroleum oils	100.0	168.0	165.1	163.9	163.7	156.2	113.8	111.4	121.9	103.7	83.2	-19.8

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